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AIRPORT SPECIAL

Ministers off to the world cup, while jobs under attack

One out

All out!

STOP THESE SCROUNGERS

RIGHT across the airport workers have been pushed too far.

The catering staff face a management who are trying to sack seven cleaning staff; cut bank holiday pay and who a refusing to pay up 3% wage increases owed under the PESP.

The catering managers refuse to properly train staff and boast about how they can "beat the union."

But they're in for a shock. Workers have voted 106-10 to accept the new changes and are determined to fight them.

In the bookshop, Hughes and Hughes, the managers are trying to force new rosters with unsociable hours onto their staff. The workers there are also owed money under the PESP, and have to put up with the harassment of their shop steward.

They have served strike notice.

More generally, the new plan drawn up for Aer Lingus, and the Labour Court Recommendation for TEAM involves further attacks on workers living standards.

That's why 500 SIPTU clerical operatives and store workers have voted to reject it.

Threatened

That's also why the cabin crews are against it.

They are threatened with unsociable hours.

Brian Cowen, Minister for Transport has said that the time has come for TEAM workers to accept the latest proposals aimed at them.

He hopes that a retreat on the threat of wage cuts week will prevent a dispute.

But the new proposals include a pay freeze to July 1996, cuts in overtime and flexible rostering with a 48-hr day during the busy period. Shift pay is to be cut and electronic clock-in introduced.

That's why they should be rejected, and the strike notice that TEAM workers have already served on management be put into effect.

The new proposals also do away with the Aircraft handlers jobs.

These sixteen workers have said that if anyone is touched, they'll walk out and appeal for solidarity.

Every worker in the airport is under attack.

But everyone has a chance to win. The fight is about to start.

No matter which section comes out, they should get the full solidarity of every other worker.

Militancy can work.

The French airport workers ended up taking to runways, before their government caved in and dropped all the proposed attacks.

If a similar fight began at the Airport it can easily win so long as every worker stands by each other, regardless of grade or union.

Remember, a picket is a picket.

SOLIDARITY CAN WIN!

Socialist Worker public meeting

FIGHT THIS ROTTEN GOVERNMENT

JOIN THE SOCIALISTS

Speaker:

EAMONN McCANN

Wednesday 29th June, 8.00pm, ATGWU Hall, (Opp. Adelphi Cinema, Middle Abbey St)

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Solidarity can win!

THE Government Ministers have a nerve.

They're all off to the World Cup.

Six of them are going at public expense, and intend to enjoy free flights, tickets and hospitality.

They are: Albert Reynolds, Charlie McCreevy, Ruairi Quinn, David Andrews, Tom Kitt and Liam Aylward.

Others like Dick Spring and Brian Cowen planned to go, but are no longer so sure because of the public outcry. Cowen planned to accompany Bernie Cahill, his "special guest".

They are right to be scared.

It is an outrage that while demanding sacrifices from workers, they are ready to enjoy themselves at our expense.

We get to pay Water Charges, they get to party.

The elections showed this government is massively unpopular.

They've been caught too often helping the rich and attacking the poor.

Now workers are beginning to fight back. All over Dublin disputes are breaking out, like the Pub Workers strike.

Airport workers should join in.

Bernie Cahill; Off to the US?

We should show the Ministers the importance of our work.

We have the power to hold up their flights to America, and if we did workers across the country would celebrate our achievement.

It would be the most popular action ever.

We should do it!

Join Us!

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